

Planning Statement in support of application for Lighting Scheme

Proposed illumination of Naval War Memorial within the Great Lines Heritage Park- application reference MC/10/0736

The Naval War Memorial is situated in the Great Lines Heritage Park in Medway. It is a Grade II listed building sited on the Field of Fire, adjacent to Fort Amherst, within a conservation area.

This proposal covers the lighting scheme for the War Memorial, intended to complement the current plans for improving the accessibility of the Great Lines Heritage Park. The lighting scheme is being proposed to enhance the view of the War Memorial at night from various viewing locations in Medway. There are no nearby residential areas that could be adversely affected by the proposal.

POLICY BNE5: LIGHTING

The external lighting scheme being proposed will cause minimum light glare and spillage, particularly that affecting residential areas and areas of nature conservation interest. This has been considered with particular reference to anti social behaviours experienced on the Great Lines area of Chatham.

POLICY BNE39: PROTECTED SPECIES

During preparation of the scheme ecologists, SLR Consulting, visited the site on several occasions to assess the impact of the night lighting on any animals (specifically bats) that may inhabit the area. Following a survey there was no evidence that the bats use the War Memorial for roosting and that carefully positioned effect lighting was extremely unlikely to affect the behaviours of foraging bats at night.

POLICY BNE12: CONSERVATION AREAS

The proposed design has been selected to enhance the appearance of the Naval War Memorial, which in turn will enhance the character and appearance of Conservation Area.

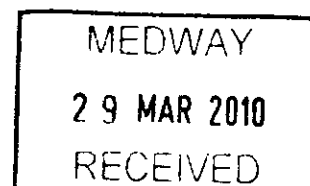
POLICY BNE17: ALTERATIONS TO LISTED BUILDINGS

No physical alterations are proposed to the structure as part of the lighting scheme, the scheme is intended to enhance the character of the War Memorial. The scheme will not be detrimental to the building structure.

POLICY BNE18: SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING

The proposed lighting scheme has been designed specifically to enhance the setting of the Listed Building and will not adversely affect the setting of the War Memorial.

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